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Online at VAPLD.info/card. Begin using your card number online as soon as you receive it in your email (usually within 24 hours).

Access your account

Go to VAPLD.info/account and log in with your library card number and PIN (usually the last four digits of your phone number).

In the Vernon Library app: download for free in your app store.

Borrow

To find books, e-books, audiobooks, movies, music, video games, and other materials available for checkout, go to VAPLD.info

To request materials for pickup from the library Holds shelves (default) or at the drive-up window, log in with your library card number and PIN, usually the last four digits of your phone number.

To find articles from magazines, newspapers, and journals, go to VAPLD.info. Change the search box option from "Catalog" to "Articles" in the dropdown menu before you search.

Convenient book returns

Return materials 24/7 at the library drive-up slot or in:

Buffalo Grove
Grove Shopping Center
197 McHenry Rd.
northeast corner of Lake-Cook and McHenry roads

Long Grove
Sunset Grove Shopping Center
4190 IL Route 83
southeast corner of Route 83 and Aptakisic Road

Attend an event

View upcoming lectures, discussions, classes, performances, and storytimes: VAPLD.info/calendar

Events are free and open to all.

Signup is usually required; see individual event listings for details.

Closed-captioning is available for most online presentations; see individual event listings for details.

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Sign up to receive occasional emails from the library:
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USING YOUR LIBRARY IS

Smart Money

The price of just about everything seems to be headed up. But one thing has not changed: all the good stuff you can get at no cost with your library card.

You may know you can check out books and DVDs from the library, but do you know what else? E-books, audiobooks, streaming music and video, video games, and even specialty equipment like GoPro cameras or digitizers. Borrow instead of buy and watch the savings add up!

Save on e-media. For example, for avid e-book readers and audiobook listeners, using the library can pay off big. Before spending \$3.99 or more for a single title or \$9.99 a month for an “Unlimited” service, check to see if what you want is available from the library instead. Each of the Libby, cloudLibrary and Hoopla apps offer different content. All are compatible with most devices; Libby works with Kindle e-readers, too.

The library may already be your go-to penny-wise place for movies, but do you realize you can use your Vernon Area library card to log on to streaming services, too? One popular option for streaming is Kanopy. Movies and shows on Kanopy include award-winning films, documentaries, indie and foreign films, and classics. Kanopy Kids offers a thoughtful collection of family films

and quality TV series including lots of PBS shows, with no checkout limits. Kanopy works with most devices, smart TVs, and Roku.

Pass the paywall. For the news you read every day, a paid subscription gives you the best access and helps fund that content. For more occasional reading, though, use your library card! Search NewsBank or Global Newsstream to grab the full text of articles from local, national, and international news sources.

Learn something new. Free, live, instructor-led classes and discussions are a popular way to gain a new skill and meet new people who share your interests. Your library offers a variety of book clubs, plus classes for adults on topics from crafting to computer software — all free.

Online learning further expands your course catalog. Choose from local classes led by Vernon Area librarians or nationwide classrooms on LinkedIn Learning, Gale Courses, or Treehouse. Boost professional or technical skills, earn an education credit, or develop a new hobby without breaking the bank.





Live entertainment. Performances and events at the library are a fun way to get out without any cost involved. This summer's schedule includes outdoor performances of Shakespeare, children's theater, and a variety of concerts.

"What I love most about the library is never having to say 'no'."

– a happy parent

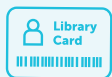
Amuse the kids without spending a dime. Take home armfuls of books, movies, games, puzzles — even video games or science kits. And when you check out, the only thing you'll remove from your wallet is your library card! Making library visits a regular part of your family's routine is smart for budgets and brains, both.

Work from home from here. Relieve pressure on the power grid and your electric bill by using your library as your home office. Free high-speed Wi-Fi is available throughout the air-conditioned building and at outside

tables and chairs. Need to make a Zoom call? Reserve a Study Room, available to library cardholders in two-hour blocks. You'll have a private space with a HEPA air filter. Need to copy, scan, fax, or print? Use the library Copy Center for a nominal charge.

Spend more wisely. Finally, your library card can help you make wise personal spending decisions. Use your card to access Consumers' Checkbook to find reviews and price research for local contractors. Log in to Consumer Reports Online with your library card to check ratings and buying guides for products from dehumidifiers to SUVs.

Browse all these things and more when you stop by the library or visit the library website. For even more ideas about maximizing the value of your library card, subscribe to Pro Tips email: VAPLD.info/subscribe



GET A CARD

Apply online or in person.
Start here: [VAPLD.info/cards](https://vapld.info/cards)
Need help? Stop by or call
224-543-1483.



GET THE APPS

Add these apps and log in with your library card for anywhere, anytime e-books, audiobooks, music, movies, news and more.

[guides.VAPLD.info/digital_media](https://guides.vapld.info/digital_media)



BONUS: NO OVERDUE FINES!

We did away with late fees in 2015. As long as you return the things you borrow there is no charge, even if they are overdue. One less thing to stress about!



Create Your Own Summer Adventure

DISCOVERY • FUN • PRIZES
JUNE 1 – JULY 31

Summer reading and activities program for 0 to Pre-K, grades K–5, teens, and adults

For more than 100 years, public libraries across the United States have hosted summer reading programs. Originally intended to prevent “summer slide” (learning loss that can occur over the summer school holiday), the programs have expanded to serve all ages and include non-reading activities and recreational pursuits.

This year’s program is more flexible than ever. Just pick up a checklist and complete activities you choose at whatever pace you prefer. The program provides a challenge, a small amount of structure, and a good number of ideas of things to do or try — what you do is up to you!

Qualifying activities include reading (of course!), watching a movie, crafts, outside activities, and more. Complete half the activities for a “halfway” prize; complete them all for a finisher prize and raffle entry.

Visit the library to begin your adventure!

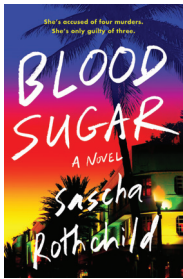
CREATE YOUR OWN ADVENTURE

Vacation Reads

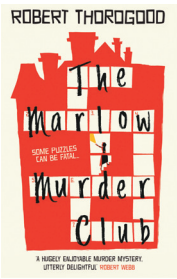


What makes the perfect vacation read: a tempting tropical setting or a charming story? A heart-pounding mystery or fascinating facts? Choose which titles will make it onto your ultimate vacation reading list!

Criminally Good



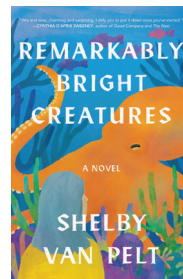
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Rothchild



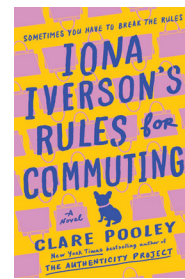
**The Marlow
Murder Club**
by Robert
Thorogood



Counterfeit
by Kirstin Chen



**Remarkably
Bright
Creatures**
by Shelby Van
Pelt



**Iona Iverson's
Rules for
Commuting**
by Clare Pooley



**The Patron
Saint of Second
Chances**
by Christine
Simon

Sunny Settings



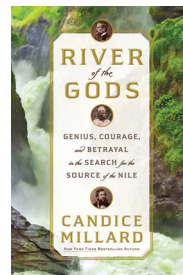
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Island**
by Sarah McCoy



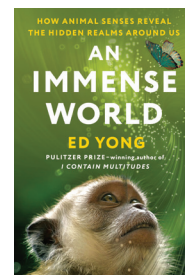
**Something
Wilder**
by Christina
Lauren



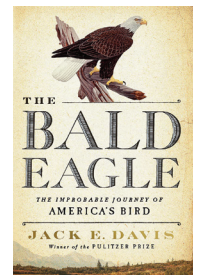
**Our Last Days
in Barcelona**
by Chanel
Cleeton



**River of the
Gods**
by Candice
Millard



**An Immense
World**
by Ed Yong



The Bald Eagle
by Jack
Emerson Davis



NEWSBANK

Pass the paywall. Use your library card to access full-text articles from many of the world's major daily newspapers, even without a subscription. [VAPLD.info/newsbank](https://vapl.org/info/newsbank)



CONSUMERS CHECKBOOK

Check ratings and reviews of local service providers from arborists to veterinarians. Log with your library card at [VAPLD.info/consumers](https://vapl.org/info/consumers)



INTERLIBRARY LOAN

Need an item that isn't in this library's catalog? It may be available from another library through Interlibrary Loan (ILL). New: search and request online at [VAPLD.info/ILL](https://vapl.org/info/ILL)

Classes & events for adults

Note location with each event (📍 indoors, 🌿 outdoors, 📺 online). Some events offer both in-person and streaming options for attendance. Events may move indoors or to Zoom if required by weather or public health conditions. Free and open to all. Sign up (required) at [VAPLD.info/calendar](https://vapl.org/info/calendar) or call 224-543-1485.

Plant the Library Garden

Plant vegetables in the community garden with the help of master gardeners.

Saturday, June 4, 11 am–12 pm 🌿

Tour of the Hermitage Museum

Treasures of the state museum in St. Petersburg, Russia, include works by Da Vinci and Rembrandt, and Catherine the Great's diamonds.

Wednesday, June 8, 1–2 pm 📺

Popup Maker Space

Make a fun project using library equipment. See the online calendar for details.

Thursdays, 7–8:30 pm 📍

June 9, July 14, August 11

Two-for-One Broadway Concert

Matt and Cynthia Gruel perform favorite showtunes.

Monday, June 13, 1–2 pm 🌿



Tour of the Hermitage Museum



The Wonders of Yellowstone Park

From Grief to Growth: A Series Dealing with Loss

Attend one or more sessions as you find helpful.

Grief 101 – Led by a psychotherapist and former bereavement counselor.

Tuesday, June 14, 7–8 pm 📍

Art Techniques – Learn Zentangle, an easy and meditative drawing technique.

Wednesday, June 29, 7–8:30 pm 📍

Mindfulness and Relaxation Techniques – Address the effects of grief on the body with easy muscle relaxation techniques.

Wednesday, July 13, 7–8 pm 🌿

Music Techniques – Led by certified music therapist Rebecca Freiman. No music experience necessary.

Wednesday, July 27, 7–8 pm 🌿

Illinois Libraries Present: Chef Kwame Onwuachi

Top Chef contestant and James Beard Award–winning chef Kwame Onwuachi shares his cookbook and “the world’s wisest food,” the cuisine of the African diaspora.

Wednesday, June 22, 7–8 pm 📺

50-Minute Hamlet

A condensed version of the famous tragedy presented by two actors from Shakespeare Project of Chicago.

Sunday, June 26, 1–2 pm 🌿

Illinois Libraries Present: Michelle Zauner

Author and musician Michelle Zauner (Japanese Breakfast) discusses her music career and bestselling memoir, *Crying in H Mart*, with music critic and author Jessica Hopper.

Thursday, June 30, 7–8 pm 📺

Bluegrass Concert: The Hopfielders

Enjoy old-time fiddle music, modern country and swing, all grounded in the sound and style of Kentucky bluegrass.

Tuesday, July 12, 1–2 pm 🌿

Milestones in Chicago History

With historian and Chicago tour guide Clarence Goldman.

Tuesday, July 19, 1–2 pm 📺📍

Top Ten Questions To Ask Your Financial Planner

Presented by Ed Gjertsen II, CFP.

Tuesday, July 19, 6:30–8 pm 📺📍

The Wonders of Yellowstone Park

Celebrate the 150th anniversary of America’s favorite national park and UNESCO World Heritage site with a photo tour from educator and geographer Judy Block.

Wednesday, July 20, 7–8 pm 📺📍

Buying & Driving An Electric Car in Illinois

Considering an EV? Learn about tax rebates and incentives. Presented by the office of Congressman Brad Schneider.

Thursday, July 28, 7–8 pm 📺📍

The Art of Paul Cézanne

This presentation with Jeff Mishur complements the groundbreaking retrospective at the Art Institute of Chicago.

Thursday, August 4, 1–2 pm 📺

Book Club Bash

Learn what’s new and trendy for reading groups from a Random House rep and the Good Book Fairy.

Monday, August 8, 7–8 pm 📺📍

Preschool Teacher Workshop: Music as an Intervention for Child Development, Health and Wellness

Led by Little Miss Ann (Ann Torralba), a nationally touring kids musician and former Chicago Public School teacher. Teachers receive two PD credits.

Tuesday, August 9, 9:45 am–12 pm 📺📍

Latin Concert: Luciano Antonio with Heitor Garcia

Samba and bossa nova performed by this Brazilian singer/guitarist and percussionist duo.

Wednesday, August 10, 1–2 pm 🌿

English as a Second Language (ESL) Class Signup

Informational meeting and placement testing for free ESL classes at the library. Classes meet two times each week beginning August 31. For information, contact Yuli at Mundelein District 120 Adult Education Department at 847-949-2200 ext. 1399.

Returning students: Wednesday, August 24, between 9 am–12 pm 📍

New students: Friday, August 26, between 9 am–12 pm 📍

Art Workshop: Gelli Plate Printing

Create unique, colorful prints to use in your collage projects.

Wednesday, August 31, 7–8 pm 📍

Get regular reminders by email about upcoming event opportunities: sign up for Program Info for Adults at [VAPLD.info/subscribe](https://vapl.org/info/subscribe)

Technology, Business & Career Development

The Future of Work is Here & It is Remote

Resources to help you find remote work opportunities and thrive in a “remote-first” culture.

Thursday, June 9, 6:30–7:30 pm 📺

SCORE 1-on-1 Business Mentoring

Opportunities to meet with an experienced volunteer mentor occurs every month on the second Thursday. Appointments required.

June 9, July 14, August 11 📺 📍

Intro to Python

Learn, practice, and experiment in this three-part, hands-on class. Topics covered include variables, data types and expressions, string operations, defining functions and decision structures, and loops.

Tuesdays, June 14–28, 7–8:30 pm 📍

Positivity-Driven Leadership

Learn to center kindness to motivate, inspire, and retain workers with executive coach Howard Prager.

Thursday, June 23, 5:30–6:30 pm 📺 📍

Gmail Basics

Get started with free Google email.

Thursday, June 16, 7–8:30 pm 📍

Gmail Beyond the Basics

Learn to filter and search, learn to attach files and to save files you receive.

Thursday, June 23, 7–8:30 pm 📍

Google Drive

Get started with Google’s cloud storage.

Thursday, June 30, 7–8:30 pm 📍

Vector Graphics with Inkscape

Learn to make logos and other images with this free, open-source software.

Tuesday, July 19, 7–8:30 pm 📍

3D Printing

Sign up for each session separately.

Intro: Thursday, July 21, 7–8:30 pm 📍

Hinges: Tuesday, August 2, 7–8:30 pm 📍

Advanced: Thurs., Aug. 18, 7–8:30 pm 📍

Photo Editing with GIMP

Learn this free, open-source alternative to Photoshop.

Tuesday, August 23, 7–8:30 pm 📍

Bullet Journaling

A flexible, creative way to organize your time. Notebooks and pens provided.

Tuesday, August 30, 7–8:30 pm 📍

Discussion Groups & Meetups

Own Voices Book Discussion

Read and discuss works by authors from marginalized groups whose writing is informed by their lived experiences.

Wednesdays, 7–8 pm 📍

June 8: *The House of Rust* by Khadija Abdalla Bajaber

July 13: *The Best We Could Do* by Thi Bui

August 10: *The Only Good Indians* by Stephen Graham Jones

Book Discussion with Judy Levin

Read and discuss intriguing selections beyond the best sellers.

Thursdays, 10–11:30 am 📺

June 9: *Klara and the Sun* by Kazuo Ishiguro

July 14: *City of a Thousand Gates* by Rebecca Sacks

Thirsty Thursdays: Books on Tap

For readers in their 20s or 30s. See Meetup.com for details and signup.

Thursdays, 6–8 pm

June 16, July 21, August 18

📍 The Chatter Box, Long Grove

Must Read Nonfiction Discussion

Read and discuss real-life stories that are engaging, informative and important.

Mondays, 7–8 pm 📺

June 20: *The Uninhabitable Earth: Life After Warming* by David Wallace-Wells

July 18: *Seek You: A Journey Through American Loneliness* by Kristen Radtke

Novel Night Book Discussion

Read and discuss *In the Face of the Sun* by Denny S. Bryce.

Tuesday, July 26, 7–8:15 pm 📺

Writers' Support Group

All writers are welcome to join this informal group.

Thursdays, 6:30–8:30 pm 📺

June 9, July 14, August 11

Reel Talk Movie Discussion

Check out or stream the film with your library card in advance, then discuss.

Fridays, 3:30–4:30 pm 📺

June 17: *Columbus* (NR)

July 22: *Three Identical Strangers* (PG-13)

August 19: *The Last Black Man in San Francisco* (R)

World Language Movie Discussion

Check out or stream the film with your library card in advance, then log in to discuss.

Wednesdays, 7–8 pm 📺

June 29: *Transit* (NR)

August 24: *I Dream in Another Language* (NR)

English Language Learners Conversation Group

Practice your English conversation skills with other new English speakers. Attend as many times as you want.

Tuesdays, 11 am–12 pm 📺

June 14, June 28, July 12, July 26, August 9, August 23

Games for Grownups

Play tabletop games together online or at the library.

Sundays, 12:30–4 pm

June 26 📺 / July 17, July 31, August 21 📺 📍

Off the Hook: Knit & Crochet Group

Craft in the company of other handicrafters, online.

Mondays, 7–8:30 pm 📺

June 27, July 25, August 22

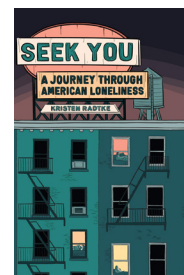
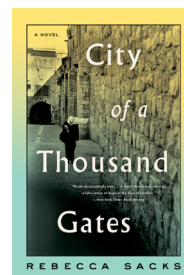
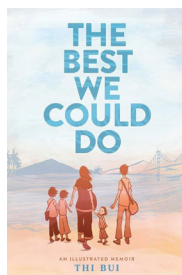
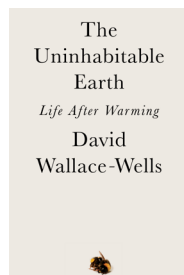
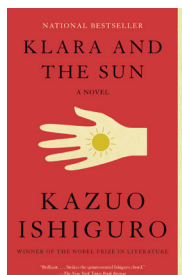
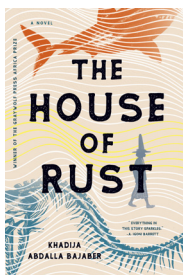
Memory Café

Offering individuals with memory loss and their caregiver an opportunity for connection and conversation.

Thursdays, 2–3 pm

June 23, July 28, August 25

📍 Buffalo Grove Community Arts Center, 225 McHenry Road, Buffalo Grove



Upcoming discussions



TEEN PICKS GUIDE

Get book suggestions based on your reading preferences. Discover new titles and series for your summer reading journey.
guides.VAPLD.info/TeenPicks



CLOUDLIBRARY

Easily access e-books and downloadable audiobooks. Perfect for finding that new title by your favorite author or listening on the go. Get the app or visit
VAPLD.info/cloudLibrary



SUMMER READING

Need to choose your own book for summer reading and want some ideas? Check out assigned and recommended titles for Communication Arts and other classes at Stevenson High School at
VAPLD.info/SHSreads.

Classes & events for teens

Note location with each item (📍 indoors, 🌿 outdoors, 📺 online). Events may move to Zoom if required by public health conditions. All events are free and open to all. Sign up (required) at VAPLD.info/calendar or 224-543-1486.

Marble Painting • grades 6–8

Create a painting using marbles.

Monday, June 6, 7–7:30 pm 📍

Off the Page: A Teen Book Club • grades 8–12

Sign up, then stop by the library to pick up your copy of the book (to keep).

Mondays, 7–8:15 pm 📍 Culver's, Lincolnshire

June 20: *The Final Six* by Alexandra Monir

July 18: *Parachutes* by Kelly Yang

Chess Challenge Meetup • grades 5–8

Tuesday, June 28, 2–3:30 pm 📍

Junior High Book Discussion • grades 6–8

The Best At It by Maulik Pancholy. Sign up, then pick up a copy of the book (yours to keep) at the Youth Desk.

Thursday, June 30, 7–8 pm 📍

Sewable Circuits • grades 6–12

Sew circuits with conductive thread and LEDs to create a light-up design.

Monday, July 11, 6:30–8 pm 📍

Sphero Money Mania • grades 6–8

Learn basic money management skills while playing a game with the Sphero robot.

Monday, July 25, 7–8:15 pm 📍

Teen Take & Make Craft Kits • grades 6–12

Sign up beginning 30 days in advance to reserve your DIY craft kit containing supplies and instructions. Then stop by the drive-up window or Adult Desk on the date indicated to pick it up.

June 17: Macrame Keychain

July 15: No-Sew Pop-Tart Pillow

August 19: Cactus Rock Garden



SUMMER READING LISTS

Wondering about your school's assigned summer reading? Find lists for school districts 96, 102 and 103 on the wall near the Award Books.



SCHOLASTIC GO

Explore true and fascinating facts! Browse interactive encyclopedia entries, maps, and news sources from around the world. Search by Lexile to match materials to student. Read-aloud option available, too.
VAPLD.info/ScholasticGo



EARLY READER GRAPHIC NOVELS

A fun new section of the library for beginning readers who love comics. And studies show the words-plus-pictures format accelerates comprehension and retention!

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Shop the Kid Market • all ages

Browse and purchase goods from this year's cohort of entrepreneurs from grades 2–8. The Kid Market sale day is their opportunity to put their junior B-school lessons into practice. Come support your classmates and be inspired by their creativity. Products offered this year include bracelets, greeting cards, bookmarks and art. Cash only. No sign up required.

Saturday, June 11, 1–3 pm 🌿

Summer Streaming Series: Cook Along with Chef Kristyn • all ages

Your favorite family cooking instructor, on demand! Grab the recipes from the online calendar, then follow along with the video on YouTube at your convenience. Each lesson is available from the first Friday through the end of the month. 📺 YouTube

Carnival Foods: June 3–30

Picnic on Your Porch: July 1–31

Lemonade Stand: August 5–31

Take & Make Kits • all ages

Stop by the library to get instructions and supplies to make a new craft each month. No sign up required. Available while supplies last beginning:

June 3: Paper Garden

June 15: Juneteenth Celebration

July 1: Sharks!

August 5: Pom Pom Launchers



Frogs & Friends in the Garden

Planting the Library Garden • grades K–5

Plant vegetables in the library with the help of master gardeners.

Saturday, June 4, 9:30–10:30 am ●

Marble Painting • grades K–5

Create a painting using marbles.

Thursday, June 9 ♥

grades K–2 with an adult: 1–1:30 pm

grades 3–5: 3–3:30 pm

Lego Master Builders • grades K–5

Kids and adults collaborate on a challenge, then stay to free build.

Monday, June 13, 4:30–5:30 pm or 7–8 pm ♥

Container Gardens • grades K–5

Learn about pollinators and create a garden to take home.

Thursday, June 16 ●

grades K–2 with an adult: 2–2:30 pm

grades 3–5: 4:30 pm–5 pm

Create Art with Miss Jane • grades K–5

Follow along step-by-step to paint a ladybug on a flower.

Wednesday, June 22 ♥

grades K–2 with an adult: 4:30–5:30 pm

grades 3–5: 7–8 pm

Thursday, June 23 ☑

grades K–2: 4:30–5:45 pm

grades 3–5: 7–8:15 pm

Family concert series • all ages

Families with kids of all ages are welcome at any session.

Saturdays, 11–11:45 am ●

June 25: Wendy & DB

July 23: Laura Doherty

August 6: Sarah Jayne Lane

August 27: The Dreamtree Shakers

Chess Challenge Meetup • grades 2–8

Tuesday, June 28 ♥

grades 2–4: 11 am–12:30 pm

grades 5–8: 2–3:30 pm

Soaring Science • grades K–5

Apply science and engineering concepts as you build and test paper airplane designs.

Wednesday, July 6 ●

grades K–2 with an adult: 1–1:45 pm

grades 3–5: 3–3:45 pm

¡Lotería! Family Game Night • grades K–5

Learn Spanish vocabulary in this bingo-type game played with words instead of numbers.

Thursday, July 7, 6:30–7:30 pm ♥

The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe • grades K–5

Improv Playhouse enacts the heroic story from the fantasy novel for children by C.S. Lewis.

Saturday, July 9, 11–11:45 am ●

Minecraft Mania • grades 3–5

Work with other kids to complete quests using MinecraftEdu.

Tuesday, July 12, 6:30–8 pm ♥

Exploring Great Artists: Katsushika Hokusai • grades K–5

Learn about his life as you follow along to create art inspired by his iconic “Great Wave.”

Thursday, July 14 ♥

grades K–2 with an adult: 4:30–5:45 pm

grades 3–5: 7–8:15 pm

Animal Crossing Open Play • all ages

Visit the Vernon Area Animal Crossing Fans Facebook page for the Dodo Code, then fly over for fun and giveaways!

Tuesday, July 19, 7–9 pm ☑ On your Nintendo Switch

Frogs & Friends in the Garden • grades K–5

The Frog Lady shares fascinating reptiles and amphibians.

Thursday, July 21, 4:30–5:30 pm ●

Sphero Money Mania • grades 3–8

Learn basic money management skills while playing a game with the Sphero robot.

Monday, July 25 ♥

grades 3–5: 4:30–5:45 pm

grades 6–8: 7–8:15 pm

Passport to the World • grades K–5

Learn about Brazil, England, Morocco, and Thailand as you visit different craft stations.

Monday, August 1 ♥

grades K–2 with an adult: 4:30–5:30 pm

grades 3–5: 7–8 pm



WORLDBOOK EARLY LEARNING

Fun and educational videos, stories, and games move toddlers and preschoolers along the path to school readiness. Activities teach basic concepts and pre-reading skills. [VAPLD.info/WorldBook](https://vapl.org/WorldBook)



EXPLORE MORE ILLINOIS

Use your library card to get free admission or other discounts at area children's museums including Chicago Children's Museum, Exploration Station (Bourbonnais) and Discovery Center (Rockford).

Request and print passes from home. Start at [VAPLD.info/museum-passes](https://vapl.org/museum-passes)



NURSERY RHYMES

Nursery rhymes are a great early learning resource for young children. Their simple, sing-songy language builds your baby's sound awareness. Check out the Rhymes & Songs section in the picture book area.

Storytimes & events for birth to Pre-K

Note location with each item (📍 indoors, 🌿 outdoors, 📺 online). Events may move indoors or to Zoom if required by weather or public health conditions. Free and open to all. Sign up at [VAPLD.info/calendar](https://vapl.org/calendar) or call 224-543-1486.

Tickets Required 🎫

For these storytimes, get a free entry ticket at the library on the day of the event, while supplies last. First-come, first-served.

Little Wiggles • ages 0–24 months

Add 30 minutes of joy to your week. Giggle, sing, and play along with your little one, other families, and Miss Julia. Entry ticket required.

Tuesdays, 9:30–10 am or 10:30–11 am 📍

June 7, 14, 21; July 5, 12, 19; August 2, 16, 23

Together 2s & 3s • ages 2–3

Share stories and learn sign language with Miss Sarah. Activities center around a letter of the day. Entry ticket required.

Mondays, 9:30–10 am or 10:30–11 am 📍

June 6, 13, 20; July 11, 18, 25; August 8, 15, 22

Preschool Storytime • ages 3–5

Get ready for school with Miss Emily by practicing the language, listening, and pre-reading skills needed for kindergarten. Entry ticket required.

Thursdays, 9:30–10 am or 10:30–11 am 📍

June 2, 9, 16; July 7, 14, 21; August 4, 11, 18

No Signup Required

Streaming Storytimes on Facebook Live do not require any advance signup. Just visit facebook.com/VernonLibrary! Say hello in the chat so we can greet your child by name.

Streaming Science Storytime • ages 0–6

Miss Lisa Marie introduces simple science concepts through books and live experiments.

Fridays, 10–10:30 am 📺 Facebook

June 10, 17; July 15, 22; August 5, 12

Streaming Storytime • ages 0–6

Silly fun and serious learning go hand-in-hand in this all-ages storytime.

Wednesdays, 9:30–10 am 📺 Facebook

July 6, 13, 20; August 3, 10, 17

Sign Up in Advance

For these storytimes and events, sign up in advance at [VAPLD.info/calendar](https://vapl.org/calendar), by telephone at 224-543-1486, or at any public service desk in the library.

Evening Stories with Miss Emily • age 3–grade 2

Put on pajamas and relax with a bedtime story. Sign up for each month separately.

Wednesdays, 7–7:30 pm [Z](#)

June 1, 8, 15; July 6, 13, 20; August 3, 10, 17

Goodnight Tales for Tots • ages 0–3

Miss Nessa helps us wind down our day with calming books and songs. Sign up for each month separately.

Tuesdays, 6–6:30 pm [Z](#)

June 7, 14, 21; July 5, 12, 19; August 9, 16, 23

Sun & Fun Storytime • ages 0–6

An outdoor storytime with tunes, dancing, rhymes, and read-alouds. Sign up for each session separately.

9:30–10 am or 10:30 am–11 am [●](#)

Wednesday, June 8

Saturday, June 18

Wednesday, June 29

Friday, July 8

Saturday, July 16

Tuesday, July 26

Saturday, August 13

Friday, August 19

Thursday, August 25

Rainbow Storytime • ages 0–6

A storytime for Pride Month celebrating all kinds of families.

Friday, June 3, 10–10:30 am [●](#)

Mini Math Magicians • ages 3–5

Explore math concepts through books, games, and activities with preschool pro Miss Emily. Sign up for each session separately.

Thursdays, 10–10:30 am [●](#)

June 23, July 28

Book & Badges: Stories with the Police • ages 0–6

Stories and summer safety tips with our neighborhood police.

Friday, June 24, 10–11 am [●](#)

Family Concert series • all ages

Bring the whole family and a blanket to sit on and enjoy a fun outdoor concert at the library. Recommended for families with children ages 0–6, but all ages are welcome. Signup required.

Saturdays, 11–11:45 am [●](#)

June 25: Wendy & DB

July 23: Laura Doherty

August 6: Sarah Jayne Lane

August 27: The Dreamtree Shakers

Bilingual Storytime • ages 0–6

Read stories and sing songs in English and another language! Sign up for each month separately.

10–10:30 am [●](#)

Spanish: Mondays, June 27 & August 29

Mandarin: Wednesday, July 27

Encanto Sing-Along • ages 0–6

Sing and dance along to a screening of Disney's newest family favorite. Signup required.

Friday, July 1, 10 am–12 pm or 1:30–3:30 pm [●](#)

Sunshine Squad: Let's Be Friends! • ages 0–6

Stories and activities with Miss Kelsey focus on social-emotional development and cultural appreciation.

Wednesday, August 24, 10–10:45 am [●](#)



Family Concert series: Sarah Jayne Lane

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Sunday	10 AM–5 PM

Before-hours access is available for people who prefer a “mask required” environment. See website for info about special operating hours.

Closed

Monday, July 4
Sunday, September 4
& Monday, September 5

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